

that, through his influence, the disabilities of the old Board had been removed.

A bill requiring the Trustees of the University to reside in the counties for which they may be chosen hereafter, passed its third reading.

A message was received from the House transmitting a bill for the relief of H. B. Guthrie, late Sheriff of Orange county. [This bill allows the late Sheriff until January, 1893, to collect and pay in back taxes.]

On motion of Mr. Etheridge, it passed its second reading, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion, the Senate adjourned.

[During the morning proceedings, Mr. Wynne rose to a question of privilege. He alluded to a note in the Sentinel report of proceedings. He did not know, from the statement, who "wept"—himself or the reporter. He did not see the reporter weep, and he (Mr. W.) didn't weep. If he wept, he had been misinterpreted. He knew the Senior Editor of the Sentinel, and he had the highest regard and esteem for him, and felt sure that he would not misrepresent him. He did not object to the official report, but to the "note." It was that which misinterpreted him. "If we have a Jeremiah here (said Mr. W.), let the reporter report a Jeremiah," and not him," (Mr. W.) The reporter can only say in reply, that Mr. Wynne's speech was certainly a Jeremiah, and that the occasion was a meeting one generally. The reporter certainly disclaims an intention of misrepresenting Mr. Wynne. But Mr. W. is hypocritical. The sentence to which he refers is not not ungrammatical.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

[BY CONGRESSIONAL BUREAU.]

SAUNDERS, July 25, 1893.

Mr. Sinclair called up his resolution in regard to the employment of another Clerk. He said it was essentially necessary that the Clerk should have an Assistant. The Clerk, as the present one could not be fully understood. His enunciation was so imperfect, and his inability to read with any degree of accuracy, the different handwriting presented at the desk, so great that the President Clerk, Mr. W. J. W., was occupied a greater part of their time in reading for him. Therefore, he offered the resolution in order to facilitate business, and moved a suspension of the rules. Carried.

Mr. Smith, of Allegheny, opposed the resolution, as it would materially increase the expenses of the session, and called for the yeas and nays upon its passage.

The roll was called, and the resolution was lost by a vote of yeas 50, nays 50.

By Mr. Ellis: A resolution to hold afternoon sessions after Monday next, which after some discussion, was adopted.

Downing arose to a question of privilege. He said that in the debate which followed the passage of the bill to provide for the installation of officers, he had read to the House an extract from a letter written to him by a Republican friend from his county, in which his correspondent had attributed to the Conservative party the fixed determination to resist the authority of the existing government. He now held in his hand a letter from D. A. Covington, of his county, which branded the assertion of his correspondent as vilely false, and denied any intention on the part of the Conservatives to resist the authority of the existing government. He (Downing) asked permission to read the letter.

Consent being given, he then proceeded to read the letter, when

Mr. Ellis moved to spread this letter on the Journal.

After some display of malignity and of lack of sense, by an individual by the name of Ashworth, from Randolph county, Mr. Foster (c. b.) moved to lay the motion on the table, and the motion prevailed.

A message was received from the Senate, refusing to concur in the report of the Committee on *per diem*.

By Sykes, (negro): A resolution allowing *per diem* to J. S. Sawyer, employed as traveling clerk before the election of the regular one. Laid over.

CALENDAR.

Senate bill No. 32, extending the time for the registering of grants, deeds, and powers of attorney. One copy passed its final reading. (The provisions of the bill do not apply to the registering of mortgages, deeds of trust and marriage contracts.)

Mr. Bowman moved to place the bill before the Senate Committee on Education, entitled "An act concerning the government of counties," upon the Calendar. Carried.

House bill No. 32, giving to Medical Colleges in this State power to dissect the bodies of the deceased, was referred to the committee to whom it was referred, was now taken up and read, with amendments. The amendments reported by the committee were adopted.

Foster (c. b.) moved to further amend by inserting after the word "dissect," the words "dissect and embalm."

Mr. Sinclair suggested that this country was not Egypt, (very much like it, Mr. S.) and that the Medical Schools of the United States very seldom engaged in the *mummy trade*.

Foster related by an allusion to some people who desired to ride upon the backs of both parties into office.

After some further bickering, the amendment was put and lost, and the bill passed its several readings, and was ordered to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Harris, of Wake, negro, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, (by consent) submitted a report recommending the adoption of the resolution in favor of H. B. Guthrie, late Sheriff of Orange county.

Mr. Bowman moved to suspend the rules and adopt; which, after some colloquy, prevailed, and the resolution was adopted.

Morris, negro, gave notice for Seymour, that he (Seymour) would, at some future date, introduce a bill to amend the charter of the Atlantic Fire Engine Company, in Newbern.

By Mr. Argo: A bill to repeal an act entitled "An act to appoint a director for the county of Wayne." Referred.

Stevens moved to suspend the rules, in order to consider the bill introduced by himself to change the time required for notice in contested elections, from 30 to 10 days.

The motion was put and lost, from the fact that a quorum did not vote, when

The Clerk ordered a call of the House. The Clerk called the roll and 71 members answered to their names.

Holgin called up the bill to provide for the filling of vacancies occurring in offices provided for in Art. 7 of the Constitution of the State.

The bill was taken up and passed its several readings, and was ordered to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Poy renewed the motion of Stevens. The motion was put and the rules were suspended and the bill put on its third reading.

Mr. Sinclair wished to know if the bill was retro-active in its operation.

Mr. Argo stated that he would support the bill if it were not so.

Mr. Poy said that the bill, in his opinion, could not have any retroactive tendency, and proceeded to draw a nice distinction between "remedy and right." He thought the bill, even if applied to elections already held, would infringe upon no one's rights.

Mr. Argo moved to amend so as to restrict the operation of the bill to future elections.

Mr. Sinclair agreed with Mr. Argo. Foster (c. b.) did not see any retroactive qualities in the bill.

Mr. Argo made an elaborate argument against the bill in its present shape, in which he quoted Chancellor Kent's definition of an *ex post facto* law, which was applicable in every case to the subject under discussion, and in conclusion stated that if his amendment, restricting the operation of the bill, was adopted he would support it.

Mr. Jarvis said that the objects of the bill were too palpable for discussion, and he was not desirous of the fact that it was introduced for the express purpose of unseating the gentleman from Camden (Mr. Forrester), in whose case there had been found the thirty days difficulty in the Re-vised Code, which, differently interpreted, had originated this bill. For this is not true, why not adopt Mr. Argo's amendment? Mr. Jarvis then, in a searching and effective argument, proceeded to lay bare the contemptible motives which prompted the measure.

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A message was read from the Senate, concurring in the resolution to select a site for the State Prison.

A message was received from the same body, returning the House resolution in regard to the appointment, by the "Governor," of Inspectors for the city of Wilmington, to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Bowman the amendments were concurred in.

On motion of Stilly the House then adjourned.

ADDRESS.

DELIVERED BEFORE THE NEW HANOVER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, MAY 14th, 1893.

BY S. J. FAISON.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: In compliance with an invitation from the New Hanover Agricultural Society, for an expression of my views on any subject, selected at pleasure, and pertaining to the interests of farmers, I am here to-day, and will endeavor, most briefly, on some agriculture, its unfavorable condition, some of the reasons why, and what, in my judgment, is the most effectual remedy for its early restoration to healthful and substantial progress.

A palpable and paramount reason of the present unpropitious state of our agriculture occurs at once to every mind, as proceeding from the recent severance and radical change in the relation, which, for centuries prior to the late civil war, subsisted between the farmer and his laborers.

Our progress in improved husbandry up to the late war was limited, when we consider the great advantages which late discoveries in Agricultural Chemistry afforded; and, as we also, the immense value of the useful appliances which inventive art has brought to our aid in improved implements, and altogether new implements of husbandry, as the subsoil plow, the reaping and threshing machines, and others, astonishing in variety, and of which, being the short period within which (discovered) as may be perceived if we shall examine the wares of any large agricultural store. But the shock caused in the ruin of the system of Southern slavery, has sunk us in the amount of annual products far below a level with those during the war.

We are now in our fourth year of peace, "so-called," and an untutored observer, as well as a country agriculturist, as we are convalescing. And, let us consider for a moment why many reasons might be suggested, but I will content myself with offering only two.

First, the neomantic influence over the negro, achieved by the blue coated military and civil bureau agencies, has no diminished his importance, as a consumer, whilst he has been rendered unreliable to a deplorable extent, and indeed almost worthless as a producer. And, remedied as we should be of the unpropitious influence of the chloroform administered by low-bred, unprincipled, vile and hypocritical emissaries from puritanical New England, and known under the derivative names of carpet-baggers, scalawags and gals, this is the wonder is, that the poor African has not become an intolerable nuisance, as to insure his summary and wholesale extermination throughout the Southern States.

Nothing else, in my humble judgment, has so high a degree of discipline, moral and intellectual, as the negro, had been schooled by his owners, has saved him from a fate so disastrous to himself, and I may add, that so speedily and so conclusively a solution of the relation, he has secured, and that his late owner, could not have failed to be impressed for ourselves many sad impressions in the history of his consummation.

We are assured from the most reliable sources, that in Great Britain the land has been cultivated for centuries, and the last in possession finds the soil as fertile, or even more so, than when in the possession and under the management of ancestors long since mouldered into dust. Their knowledge and application of the laws of agriculture, and the improved modes of tillage have gained this desirable end.

Why is it that we have felled almost all our beautiful and noble forests, except of the pine, and still continued to scratch our heads in ordinary individual enterprises, and have not been able to yield a peck of Indian corn to the single square? The explanation is to be found in the great value of the negro as chattel property, the prime importance of which value was maintained, after clearing and draining of the land, by a few other staple products in some of the Southern States. He was just as available as bank or any other stocks to his owner, upon whose credit he secured an advance of all the capital needed in ordinary individual enterprises. In this view consisted his chief value in this State, where cotton and rice were of limited culture, and sugar cane cultivated not at all. His capacity for the skillful manipulations of an improved husbandry could not be put to use in competition with the white laborer, and especially did this inferiority prevent his owner from introducing costly labor saving machinery and improved agricultural implements of modern invention, the extensive introduction of which, use which, more than discoveries for fertilizing the soil, in countries where white labor alone exists, has enabled those countries to far outstrip us in the great race of agricultural attainment.

A second reason for our tardy recuperation from the late disastrous war is to be found in the peculiarity of our land owners. We had but few farmers, proper. Our preachers, lawyers, doctors, schoolmasters and other mercantile and professional classes, were the ruling power. To add another class which really did more

for the cause of agriculture than all the rest put together. They were gentlemen, mostly wealthy, and they existed as a class, sometimes denominated large farmers, sometimes planters. To this class we are, sometimes indebted for whatever knowledge we have of experiments, with commercial fertilizers, for ascertaining the best mechanical preparation of the soil for different crops, and also the best means with which to arrive at that preparation. They have been the pioneers in all our agricultural improvement, whether viewed in regard to the introduction of better modes of tillage, of manure and tools, or in reference to the results of varied preparation and applications of the different fertilizers hitherto in use.

But of all these classes, none but the farmer proper had acquired the art manual and the physical endurance necessary in raising a crop. And to this cause we may attribute, in a very large measure, our large retrogression instead of progression in the annual products in the States where, until recently, the negro was the laborer. Indirect farmers understood the simple theory, and many of them had a limited experimental acquaintance with the manual labor necessary to raise the different crops peculiar to the Southern States. Their own experience was of that transient and intermittent character which, according to circumstances, made them more or less efficient directors in the management of a farm, but when the importance of such a position was fully understood, that unremitting care and attention indispensable in the entire process of rearing and harvesting crops, rushed upon the minds of our people, as an unavoidable necessity, or that in such a position they must turn their backs and retreat to some other pursuit.

Almost every one who did not belong to the class of farmers proper, that could find any possible avenue of retreat, recoiled from this new prospect unfolded to his view. Some launched forth in commercial, some in mercantile, some in manufacturing, and others in other enterprises, and still a vast host of others sought and still entered into subordinate positions in the varied pursuits of life, rather than boldly and manfully grappling with the difficulties which, by so doing, they were to encounter. The result was, that the class of farmers proper, that could find any possible avenue of retreat, recoiled from this new prospect unfolded to his view. Some launched forth in commercial, some in mercantile, some in manufacturing, and others in other enterprises, and still a vast host of others sought and still entered into subordinate positions in the varied pursuits of life, rather than boldly and manfully grappling with the difficulties which, by so doing, they were to encounter. 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